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AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
AMEMBASSY VIENNA  
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 3116

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: UNRWA XF JO PORG AORG LE AU  
SUBJ: UNRWA HEADQUARTERS RELOCATION

REF: STATE 141892

1. ON JUNE 6 EMBOFF MET WITH ACTING UNRWA COMMISSIONER  
GENERAL BROWN. (MCELHINEY IS STILL ON LEAVE IN STATES.)  
AS INSTRUCTED REFTTEL, EMBOFF TOLD BROWN THAT WE BELIEVED  
UNRWA SHOULD HOLD OFF ON FINAL DECISION ON HEADQUARTERS  
RELOCATION UNTIL JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT HAD REASONABLE  
OPPORTUNITY TO RESOLVE SPACE QUESTION.

2. BROWN REPLIED THAT COMMISSIONER GENERAL MCELHINEY  
WAS LEAVING FOR VIENNA FROM NEW YORK EVENING JUNE 7 AND  
COULD BE CONTACTED THROUGH UNRWA LIAISON OFFICER MILES  
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AT USUN NEW YORK UNTIL THEN. MCELHINEY WOULD BE CONFERRING  
WITH AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT JUNE 8, WHEN HE INTENDED  
TO GIVE FINAL AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER TO AUSTRIAN OFFER TO  
RELOCATE UNRWA HEADQUARTERS IN VIENNA. HE WAS EXPECTED  
RETURN BEIRUT BY JUNE 12.

3. BROWN CONTINUED THAT IF THERE WERE "SERIOUS

INDICATIONS" AMMAN PREPARED TO MEET UNRWA'S REQUIREMENTS, UNRWA WOULD DEFER DECISION ON RELOCATION. HE SAID HOWEVER THAT HE HAD CONFERRED WITH JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT AND INSPECTED OFFICE SPACE IN AMMAN ON JUNE 3-4. HE ADDED THAT JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT HAD POLITICAL WILL TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY, BUT COULD NOT CONVERT ITS PROMISES INTO PERFORMANCE. HE SAID THAT AVAILABLE FACILITIES WERE TOTALLY INADEQUATE.

4. BROWN SAID THAT NEVERTHELESS CURRENT PLANS CALLED FOR SOME PERSONNEL TO GO TO BOTH VIENNA AND AMMAN. ABOUT 250 POSITIONS WOULD BE SLOTTED FOR VIENNA TO FORM THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION TO HANDLE OVERALL POLICY. ABOUT 105 POSITIONS WOULD BE SLOTTED FOR AMMAN TO HANDLE OPERATIONAL TASKS, PARTICULARLY HEALTH AND EDUCATION MATTERS. ONLY ABOUT 40 PEOPLE WOULD BE LAID OFF IN BEIRUT BECAUSE OF THE ABOVE, ABOUT HALF OF THEM PART-TIME CLEANING PERSONNEL. MOST OF THE PERSONNEL LAID OFF WOULD BE GIVEN NEW JOBS WITH UNRWA.

5. BROWN DESCRIBED UNRWA'S REQUIREMENTS AS: (A) 6,000 SQUARE METERS OF OFFICE FLOOR SPACE, 25 TO 30 EXTERNAL TELEPHONE LINES, AND ONE TELEX LINE FOR THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION, AND (B) 1500 METERS OF OFFICE SPACE, WHICH HE BELIEVED AMMAN COULD PROVIDE, FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL

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OPERATIONAL ELEMENTS.

6. COMMENT: BROWN IS UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT RELOCATION TO AMMAN. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT MCELHINEY THROUGH MILES AT USUN NEW YORK AND CONVEY TO HIM DIRECTLY OUR VIEW THAT NO FINAL DECISION ON RELOCATION BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME. END COMMENT.  
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